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Pallot count in	SED	LDP/CDU	invalid
Schönau (Vogtld)	59	PROFFS Substitute College Adjuste.	120
Neustadt (Vogtld)	194	CONTRACTOR	(presumably SPD,LOP,CDU) 287 FAL(presumably SPD,LOP,CDU)

5. The SPD in Berlin has acquired a considerable membership from the middle classes but has nevertheless remained predominantly a labor party. This is in sharp contrast to its development in other sections of Jermany where it has taken on the aspect of a bourgeois party.

SPD:

Berlin membership on specific days:

Date	Russian Sector	Pritish Sector	French	USA
31.7.46	10,635	8,160	8,742	15,968
30.8.46	11,173	8,303	8,826	16,517

The Russian Sector, which has fifty percent of the total population of the city, has only twenty-five percent of the SPD membership. The American Sector is strongest with membership distributed throughout the various districts during the month of July 1946, as follows:

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Kreuzberg	3 . 811	Z chl enberg	3 010
Neukölln		WOTTERCHOOL S	1,243
MOUNTIL	4,329	Steplitz	3 316
Schönebe: g			1,145
ochoneos, g	2,635	Tempelhof	2.805

Neukella had the strongest SFD membership and is precominantly a district of workers. The fact that so many of the workers in perlia have remained loyal to the SFD instead of joining the Communists is attributed to the looting of workman's homes by the Russians. Furthermore, when the right wing of the SFD went over to the SED, the Soci list Party was rejuvenated. In Berlin, the average porty official is forty years old, while in southern Germany the average age is over fifty.

6. Various estimates on the strength of the SED:

\mathbf{a}_{\bullet}	Official estimate circulated by party officials	100.000
ာ ့	SPD party member estimates SLD membership at	400,000
C.	SED functionary	60,000
da		150,000
	Member of SED administration claims maximum is	120,000
母。	Source believes a reasonable estimate to be	90,000-110,000

These figures slow that the strength of the Communist Party in Berlin increased from thirty percent to sixty percent since 1933 when membership was at a maximum of 70,000. This increase is largely due to the formation of the SED. In central, west, and southern Cermany, however, membership has increased from 100 percent to 300 percent despite the loss of the elections.

7. The several dubious successes which the Communists have had are attributed to the policy of graft and corruption practices by the Russians. The fact that ninety percent of the members of the SaD Election Committee belong to social groups enjoying special privileges, indicates that the Russians are not leading a revolution of the lower classes but are encouraging a power policy spensored from above. The Election Committee was composed as follows:

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Intellectuals, artists, scientists		1 179
industrialists -		47
Administrative officials (majors, chairmen, etc.)		11
Party officials (majors, entirmen, etc.)		18
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Small business men	/	-
Mage earners		1.2
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